

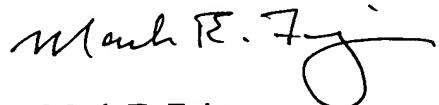
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favorable reconsideration of the subject application, particularly in view of the above amendment and the following remarks.

Claims 1-17 have been rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-15 of U.S. Patent 6,723,462 B2 in view of Kanter, U.S. Patent 3,754,899. In response to this rejection, Applicants are submitting a Terminal Disclaimer disclaiming any portion of the term of any patent issuing from the subject application which extends beyond the term of U.S. Patent 6,723,462 B2. Applicants respectfully urge that the filing of this Terminal Disclaimer overcomes this rejection.

Applicants sincerely believe that this patent application is now in condition for allowance and, thus, respectfully request early allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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